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is good tea" on Browning's "King and the Book" were given by Mrs. Scott Raft of Toronto, and the alternate meetings were spent in study of Canadian authors, also current events. Music was provided for each meeting. During the winter the Literary Society presented two evenings of plays, and closed the season with an artistic Canadian luncheon, at which Mrs. Raft was present.

We cannot be too emphatic in our expressions of gratitude for the financial assistance received from our new sustaining members. It has not only lifted a burden from the shoulders of the Directorate but made possible, in a measure, an extension of the work. The financial results are included in the Treasurer's report.

We are very anxious to have a summer cottage this year, where girls may find it possible to have a real rest and wholesome recreation, at the lowest possible price. Different locations are being considered, and definite announcements will be made at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) MAY BEST,
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GERMAN MILITARY PARTY AND INCREASED ARMAMENT

Agitation for Larger Army and Naval Forces Causes Uneasiness Over Whole Country—Drain on Taxpayer, but He Will Have to Contribute.

(Special Dispatch.) BERLIN, May 16. THE reassembly of the Reichstag has once more interested public opinion in Germany in the question of the national armaments. The threat of an early dissolution of the Assembly (which was elected early in 1912) at the behest of the powerful Junker-Conservative party, who still remember with bitterness the stand taken by the majority during the first day of the Zabern affair, hangs over the horizon. It is not to be expected, however, that there will be any attempt to utilize the uneasiness produced by this unpopular threat in attempting to obtain the acceptance of any further increases of the national forces.

The last four or five years have each brought their army or naval bills, but in this regard 1914 is still a blank sheet. It is true that a very cleverly worded sentence of Admiral Tirpitz's in the last session of the Reichstag, in the last decade of the Naval Estimates is considered by the majority as the promise of a "speeding up" of the naval building programme, but there is nothing yet to indicate when this acceleration is to be proposed.

The Vossische Zeitung states, however, with assurance, on the authority of a "highly placed personage," that there is to be a further increase in the navy, making it twice as powerful as the fleets of France. With regard to the question of the land forces, there have been signs innumerable of late that a large part of the conservative group would willingly see a further increase of strength on this side. The very noisy and rather reckless campaign against Russia and all things Russian, which started the diplomatists of Europe several weeks ago on account of the part which a section of the semi-official press played in it, soon subsided, but it has lately been replaced by a milder and cleverer and longer-winded campaign which stands a far better chance of bearing the desired fruit—bringing the Russian scarecrow level in size and fearfulness with the rather tattered French hobgoblin. And, utilizing the wave of feeling thus produced, the extreme militarists of the

Young Italy Among Ruins of Old Rome



This picture of His Royal Highness the Hereditary Prince Humbert of Italy was taken by his mother, Queen Helena, amid the ruins of Castel Porziano at Taranto during his recent prolonged cruise in the Mediterranean. Prince Humbert was born at Castel Porziano on September 5, 1904. He has two sisters.

News from Various Parts of Europe

SIDELIGHTS ON HISTORY OF RAMPOLLA PAPERS

(Special Dispatch.) ROME, May 16. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA'S papers have produced some interesting disclosures, one of the most notable being the fact that after the famous Conclave of 1903, when he just missed being Pope, under the appearance of seclusion and disinterest in everything, the old combatant still existed and still attempted to influence the policy of the Papacy. Letters have been found addressed to him by Cardinal Lorenzelli when he was Nuncio in Paris, from which it appears that the Papal representative to the French Republic was more inclined to follow the directions of Cardinal Rampolla than those of Cardinal Merry del Val, his proper head. Mr. Lorenzelli has already received the red hat; otherwise it is doubtful if this disclosure would be a permanent bar to his promotion.

HOW A GIANT GROWS

(Special Dispatch.) PARIS, May 16. KING ALFONSO took a great interest at a recent circus performance in Madrid in a French giant named Eugene Arceau, who is aged nineteen, stands 7 feet 6 inches and weighs nearly nineteen stone.

BAN ON WEDDING BUREAUS

(Special Dispatch.) BRISTOL, May 16. THE Kaiser has put his foot down on officers of the active list securing wives through matrimonial agencies. Recent trials in the courts have disclosed that officers when hard up are in the habit of applying to the agencies to find them wealthy brides, in return for which the agents are paid a handsome commission from the bride's dowry.

MAIDS WHO KNEEL BY THE FOAM TO A SEA GODDESS.

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. ALAND where strange native gods are still worshipped was described by Mr. P. Amarty Talbot at the Royal Geographical Society meeting in a paper on the Eket district of Southern Rhodesia, "the Land of the Libios."

NERO'S "HOUSE OF GOLD."

(Special Dispatch.) ROME, May 16. AN interesting description of the wonderful "House of Gold" which Nero had built for him between the Palatine and Esquiline hills in Rome was given by Mr. Precht in a lecture at the Institute the other day.

The International Horse Show at Olympia Promises Well This Year

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. ALTHOUGH the International Horse Show is not held until June, the preparations for it are already far advanced and it is confidently promised that the decorations will make the interior of the Olympia more beautiful than ever. The prizes reach the sum of \$55,000, of which \$22,500 will be devoted to the jumping classes, which from a popular point of view form the backbone of the show. The coaching Marathon from Hampton Court to Olympia, which was won last year by Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, again figures in the programme. The two gold international challenge cups, presented by King Edward and King George, are likely to be more keenly contested than ever before. King Edward's trophy was instituted in 1909 for the jumping over the course by teams of three officers of the same nationality in uniform. It has twice been won by Russia and twice by France, and if either of these competitors carries it off this year it will become its absolute property. As British army jumping is understood to have improved immensely since the International Horse Show was started English officers

SIR E. SHACKLETON'S PLANS FOR DASH TO THE POLE

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON, at a Pilgrims' Club gathering at the White Hotel, outlined his plans for his polar expedition and lent his audience enthralled all the time he was speaking. Sir Ernest's scheme is to cross the Antarctic Polar Region from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea, taking in the Pole en route. He begins his great adventure next October. "We are going to try to cross the South Polar Continent," said Sir Ernest. "Why we go I cannot say. What the impelling force is that makes explorers, I cannot describe. It is one of the sort of things of which, if you could describe it in so many words, half the men who have been interested would be lost. When you are in the Antarctic you have an uncomfortable time, frozen one minute and roasted the next, but when you come back to civilization and sit down to dinner, before you have been home six months you want to get out on the lone trail again."

THE POPE'S AFFECTION FOR HIS SISTERS

(Special Dispatch.) ROME, May 16. IT is now more than a year since the death of the eldest sister of Pope Pius X, who, with her two younger sisters and their niece, Gilda Parolin, lived in a humble apartment in the Piazza Rusticucci, close to the vast mass of the Vatican Palace.

Hope to Sell 5,000,000 Roses on Alexandra Day in England

Sub-Committees in Three Hundred Centres of Country Will Invaade Streets to Dispose of Queen Mother's Favorite Flowers—"Smart" Balls in Prospect.

(Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. QUEEN ALEXANDRA DAY, which has been arranged for June 24, will be celebrated this year on an even greater scale than before. The aim is to sell 5,000,000 wild roses, which is Queen Alexandra's favorite flower. There will be sub-committees in three hundred centres throughout the United Kingdom, compared with seventy-two last year. The women who will invade the streets as sellers of the roses will be dressed in white, with white or light colored hats trimmed with wreaths of the flowers of the day, their own contribution to the funds.

Viscountess Allendale, the Countess of Chesterfield, Mrs. Winston Churchill, Lady Glenconner, Lady Nunburnholme, Lady Clementine Waring, Mrs. Hobhouse, Lady Mond, Countess Brassey, Lady Baring, Lady Inchcape, Lady Saxe and Selkirk and Mrs. Robert Harcourt. Mrs. Lewis Harcourt and Miss Asquith have promised to act as hostesses, and will undergo the handiwork of the guests as they arrive.

The Ritz Hotel still holds pride of place as the scene of "smart" balls for the coming season. Some people thought that the new Curzon in Piccadilly would become the rage, but the builders' strike put an end to that idea for the present, at any rate, since the foundations of the prospective rival are in the same state as they were months ago. A hostess who entertains at the Ritz is certain of her guests putting in an appearance, if only for the supper, for which the hotel is famous—notably the quails served with muscatel grapes, which have served to draw many a young Guardsman and blasé worldling from a ritz hostess' dance before now, and will again.

Find a Rubens in a Hotel Room Mr. David Wigglesworth, of Burnage, Discovers Picture He Bought for \$5.50 Is Masterpiece. (Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. ROMANTIC picture "find" has been made by a Manchester hotel keeper. Mr. David Wigglesworth, of the Farmers' Arms, Burnage, has in his possession a large painting which is an almost exact replica of the canvas entitled "Winter," ascribed to Rubens, which hangs in Windsor Castle. The painting, the value of which, it is believed, may easily run to about \$50,000, was bought by Mr. Wigglesworth about two years ago at a sale at the residence of the late Mr. Norton, of Lee Gate House, Heaton Mersey, near Manchester. It was knocked down to him for \$5.50, considerably less than the value of the massive gilt frame containing it. Until recently it hung in the hotel smoking room, an object of merely curious interest. One day a caller expressed the opinion that the dirty, dilapidated canvas was a masterpiece. Mr. Wigglesworth made inquiries. Expert opinion confirmed the caller's view, and the result of their inspection left little doubt that the work, if not an actual Rubens, revealed the master hand. It was probably begun by Rubens and finished by one of his clever pupils, and is believed to be the replica painted for King Charles I. and presented to the Marquis of Newcastle, whose manor house at Workop was partially destroyed by fire in 1761. The salving, including statuary, pictures and furniture, was sold to a Sheffield dealer and dispersed by him, and this picture, blackened by smoke and considered valueless, must have lain away, hidden and neglected for many years. The canvas still shows the effect of having suffered from the heat and smoke.

"Don'ts" for Tourists in London Who Wish to Avoid Being Robbed

Don't Talk with Persons Dropping a Pocketbook, Don't Tell Your Affairs to Strangers and Don't Place Your Valuables or Money with Others. (Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. OF all criminal dodges to obtain money, perhaps the oldest of all is the "confidence trick." The incredible part of it is that it succeeds in London every day and in the hands of Americans and colonials are the principal dupes. The tourist season has begun and some hints to Americans coming over may be useful. As the name implies, the confidence trick, man, who invariably employs a confederate, worms his way into the confidence of his victim and then despoils him. A smartly dressed man will walk about in the vicinity of the Strand on some spot to which tourists usually go and watch for a likely victim. Often a really intelligent man, unfamiliar with the trick, falls into the net. The trickster will then walk ahead and drop a pocketbook, purse or small parcel in full sight of the prospective victim. The trickster is profuse in his thanks and says the pocketbook contains a large number of notes, or even, as has occurred many dozens of times, "jewels for the Pope."

Boiling Wax Baths for Gout Are To Be Tested in London at Once

Assertion of French Physician That This Treatment Is Beneficial Is Attracting Attention in Hospitals—Must Be Unpleasant Because of Extreme Heat, Is One Opinion. (Special Dispatch.) LONDON, May 16. The hot paraffin wax bath, which has been noted French physician as the best treatment for rheumatism and gout, is now attracting the attention of many medical men in London, particularly those who work extensively in the hospitals. Dr. Barthe de Sandfort for some time has used plasters of superheated wax on wounds and ulcers with success and has now discovered that wax at 125 degrees Fahrenheit is equally efficacious when applied to the whole body. The nurse physicians at St. Bartholomew's Hospital told an inquirer that the paraffin wax treatment had come to their notice, and had impressed them to the extent that they were going to experiment with it at once. It was very difficult to say before trying it, however, whether there was any foundation for the French physician's assertion, as paraffin wax possesses few real medicinal properties. "Our electrical treatment for rheumatism," it was said, "is very successful, and the other London hospitals have modelled their own upon it. But we are going to give paraffin wax a thorough test."